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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 25

**Introduced by ~~Committee on Transportation (Senators Kopp~~
~~(Chair), Ayala, Costa, Karnette, and Polanco)~~ Senators**
Costa, Ayala, Karnette, Kelley, Kopp, Monteith, and
Polanco

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to ~~the~~
~~Kenneth L. Maddy Freeway~~ *highways*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 25, as amended, Committee on
Transportation. ~~Kenneth L. Maddy Freeway~~ *Highways*.

This measure would designate the newly constructed
portion of State Highway Route 99 in and around the City of
Livingston the Kenneth L. Maddy Freeway.

*The measure would designate specified portions of State
Highway Route 41 the Yosemite Freeway.*

*The measure would designate a specified portion of State
Highway Route 168 the Sierra Freeway.*

*The measure would designate a specified portion of State
Highway Route 180 the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Freeway.*

*The measure would designate the State Highway Route 41
and State Highway Route 180 interchange in the City of
Fresno the Rose Ann Vuich Interchange.*

The measure would also request the Department of
Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques

and markers showing ~~this special designation~~ *those special designations* and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering ~~that cost those costs~~, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Maddy was elected to the
2 Assembly in 1970 and served there with distinction until
3 1979; and

4 WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Maddy was elected to the
5 Senate in 1979, and has served there with distinction to
6 the present day; and

7 WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Maddy served as Senate
8 Republican Leader from 1987 to 1995, one of the longest
9 tenures ever recorded in that position; and

10 WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Maddy has earned a
11 reputation as one of the State Capitol's most influential
12 and effective legislators and is recognized as a legislative
13 leader with impeccable integrity; and

14 WHEREAS, A portion of State Highway Route 99 in
15 Merced County through the City of Livingston was the
16 last portion of the highway that still had traffic signals
17 slowing traffic on a major thoroughfare that traverses
18 most of the state and carries a heavy volume of traffic
19 including a large number of heavy trucks that move a
20 large amount of economic goods through the Central
21 Valley; and

22 WHEREAS, Studies to upgrade that portion of the
23 route, a project called the Livingston Bypass, had been
24 underway since 1969, and Ken Maddy provided the
25 leadership to bring about community consensus on the
26 routing of the bypass; and

27 WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Maddy established and
28 maintained the project as the top transportation priority
29 in his Senate district and worked tirelessly to adopt the
30 project as part of the State Transportation Improvement
31 Program; and

32 WHEREAS, The Livingston Freeway was opened to
33 traffic on January 8, 1997; and



1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his dedication to the
2 needs of his constituents and the safety of motorists
3 driving on State Highway Route 99, it is appropriate to
4 designate the newly constructed portion of State
5 Highway Route 99 in and around the City of Livingston
6 as the Kenneth L. Maddy Freeway; and

7 *WHEREAS, The Cities of Fresno and Clovis are two of*
8 *a few cities in the United States to be within a one-hour*
9 *drive of three national parks; Yosemite, Kings Canyon,*
10 *and Sequoia National Parks, and the Sierra National*
11 *Forest; and*

12 *WHEREAS, A unique circumstance exists that three*
13 *major state highways in Fresno County, both existing and*
14 *under construction, lead to these national treasures; and*

15 *WHEREAS, Fresno County is proud to be part of the*
16 *gateway to these national treasures; and*

17 *WHEREAS, It is appropriate, therefore, that those*
18 *state highways be named for their ultimate destinations;*
19 *and*

20 *WHEREAS, Rose Ann Vuich was elected to the Senate*
21 *in 1976 to represent the 15th Senate District, comprised*
22 *of Tulare and Kings Counties, approximately half of*
23 *Fresno County, and a portion of Kern County; and*

24 *WHEREAS, Born on January 27, 1927, in Cutler,*
25 *California, and a lifetime resident of Tulare County, Rose*
26 *Ann Vuich was the first woman elected to the California*
27 *Senate; and*

28 *WHEREAS, Rose Ann Vuich served with distinction on*
29 *the Senate Transportation Committee, the Senate Rural*
30 *Caucus, and as chair of the Senate Select Committee on*
31 *Rural Issues; and*

32 *WHEREAS, Her role in transportation and rural issues*
33 *led her to be an active supporter of the construction of the*
34 *Fresno County portions of State Highway Route 41, the*
35 *southern gateway to Yosemite National Park, and State*
36 *Highway Route 180, the gateway to Sequoia and Kings*
37 *Canyon National Parks; and*

38 *WHEREAS, Studies to construct both freeways began*
39 *in 1955 and construction of the first portion of State*
40 *Highway Route 41 began in 1970; and*

1 WHEREAS, In 1976, the funding for the completion of
2 those freeways was uncertain; and

3 WHEREAS, As a Senator, Rose Ann Vuich championed
4 “constructing the road that leads to nowhere to the road
5 that leads to somewhere”; and

6 WHEREAS, As a Senator, Rose Ann Vuich used her
7 leadership skills to secure funding for the completion of
8 the construction of State Highway Route 41 and State
9 Highway Route 180; and

10 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 41 and State
11 Highway Route 180 were reopened to traffic on
12 September 20, 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of Rose Ann Vuich’s
14 dedication to the needs of her constituents and the
15 economic growth of Fresno County by the construction
16 of those magnificent freeways, it is appropriate to
17 designate the State Highway Route 41 and State Highway
18 Route 180 interchange in the City of Fresno as the Rose
19 Ann Vuich Interchange; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the
21 Assembly thereof concurring, That the newly
22 constructed portion of State Highway Route 99 in and
23 around the City of Livingston is hereby officially
24 designated the Kenneth L. Maddy Freeway; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the portion of State Highway Route
27 41 in Fresno County from the intersection with Elkhorn
28 Avenue to the intersection with Ventura Avenue and
29 from the intersection with Herndon Avenue to the
30 Madera County line is hereby officially designated the
31 Yosemite Freeway; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the portion of State Highway Route
33 168 in Fresno County from the intersection with State
34 Highway Route 180 to the intersection with Armstrong
35 Avenue is hereby officially designated the Sierra
36 Freeway; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the portion of State Highway Route
38 180 from the intersection with Brawley Avenue to the
39 intersection with Highland Avenue is hereby officially

1 *designated the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Freeway; and be it*
2 *further*

3 *RESOLVED, That the State Highway Route 41 and*
4 *State Highway Route 180 interchange in the City of*
5 *Fresno is hereby officially designated the Rose Ann Vuich*
6 *Interchange; and be it further*

7 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is*
8 *requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques*
9 *and markers, consistent with the signing requirements*
10 *for the state highway system, showing the—special*
11 *designation those special designations and, upon*
12 *receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to*
13 *cover that—cost those costs, to erect those plaques and*
14 *markers; and be it further*

15 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a*
16 *copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.*

